Greater Control over Universities and Colleges

1914. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently received some proposals from the UGC aiming at greater and stringent control over universities and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some teachers' organisations have opposed the move; and

(d) what is the stand of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such proposals from the UGC aiming at greater and stringent control over universities and colleges have been received. However, the UGC has recommended a comprehensive amendment of the UGC Act, 1956.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Take over by IGNCA by Government

1915. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken over Lalit Kala Academy after prolonged debate in Parliament over its improper functioning;

(b) whether Government are aware that a similar situation has arisen in IGNCA due to the arbitrary functioning of its Academic Director;

(c) whether the Academic Director alongwith a coterie of officials has been threatening the employees, with dire consequences, including termination from service without any proper enquiry and notice;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when Government are likely to take over IGNCA, as situation of functional anarchy has arisen and the original trust deed of IGNCA provides for Government takeover in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Following the termination of services of an office-bearer of the employee's union of IGNCA on 22.5.1998, a large number of IGNCA employees were on strike, demanding his reinstatement as well as redressal of other grievances.

The strike has been withdrawn following reinstatement of the employee in service of IGNCA with effect from 10.6.1998.

(e) The Original Trust Deed did not provide for takeover of the trust by the government.

Supply of Nehru's Papers to Scholars at Nehru Museum Library

1916. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nehru's papers at Nehru Museum Library, Teen Murti House, New Delhi are made available to some scholars but not to some other scholars;

(b) What is the criterion for this discrimination; and

(c) who takes these decisions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.